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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - BAA SEEKS COURT INJUNCTION BARRING
SALE OF STANDBY TICKETS AT HEATHROW

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1. LAST JUNE 1, THE BRITISH AIRPORTS AUTHORITY (BAA)
BANNED THE SALE OF STANDBY TICKETS AT HEATHROW, BUT THE
SIX AIRLINES PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED, TWA, PANAM, BRITISH
AIRWAYS, IRAN AIR, AIR INDIA, AND EL AL, REFUSED TO
COMPLY WITH THE BAN. ON JULY 27, 1978, APPARENTLY AS A
RESULT OF THE SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF INTENDING STANDBY
PASSENGERS SPENDING LONG PERIODS IN TERMINAL 3, BAA
APPLIED FOR A COURT INJUNCTION. (THE BAA'S MANAGING
DIRECTOR TOLD THE PRESS, "SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE TO
STOP THE CONGESTION GETTING WORSE BEFORE THE PEAK NEXT
MONTH AND IN SEPTEMBER.") A HEARING IS TO BE HELD NEXT
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WEEK.

2. TWA APPEARS TO BE THE AIRLINE MOST STRONGLY OPPOSED
TO THE BAA VIEW, AND IS THE ONLY ONE SO FAR NAMED IN THE
INJUNCTION REQUEST. EXPRESSING VIEWS SIMILAR TO THOSE
HE HAD EXPRESSED TO THE CIVAIR ATTACHE A DAY OR TWO
EARLIER, TWA'S LONDON REPRESENTATIVE ON JULY 27 DENIED

THAT THERE HAD BEEN ANY SERIOUS CONGESTION WITHIN THE AIRPORT, TOLD THE PRESS THAT IT WAS "UNACCEPTABLE" TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST CERTAIN TYPES OF TRAVELER, POINTED OUT THAT IT IS MUCH EASIER FOR A PROSPECTIVE PASSENGER TO TRY VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES AT THE AIRPORT THAN AT A ONE-AIRLINE DOWNTOWN TERMINAL, AND CALLED ON THE BAA TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY TENTS OR MARQUEES TO SEGREGATE THE STANDBY PASSENGERS FROM THE OTHERS.

3. PANAM'S LONDON REPRESENTATIVE TOLD THE EMBASSY PRIVATELY A FEW DAYS AGO THAT WHILE PANAM AGREES THAT THE BAA SHOULD NOT BE TELLING THE AIRLINES WHAT TO DO, IT ALSO FEELS THAT THOSE STANDING BY ARE INTERFERING WITH THE COMFORT AND PROCESSING OF OTHER PASSENGERS. LIKE BA, PANAM PROCESSES MOST STANDBY PASSENGERS AT ITS IN-TOWN TERMINAL.

4. THE BAA STATES THAT IT IS CONSIDERING A SIMILAR RULE BANNING STANDBY SALES AT GATWICK, WHERE SKY TRAIN PASSENGERS ALREADY ASSEMBLE OFF THE MAIN CONCOURSE.

5. ACCORDING TO THE GUARDIAN, WHICH COMBINED ITS STORY ON THE INJUNCTION WITH A RATHER RELAXED ARTICLE ON STANDBY DELAYS, THE LONGEST WAIT SO FAR IN PANAM'S IN-TOWN STANDBY QUEUE IS FOUR DAYS.

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